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ATTENTION S/FW-COA AND COMMERCE (NOAA)

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SPECIAL ICNAF MEETING

1. I HAVE TALKED WITH DRS. NEEDLER AND KETCHUM OF CANADA ABOUT THE SPECIAL ICNAF MEETING. AMONG OTHER THINGS, I INDICATED CONSIDERABLE UNHAPPINESS AT CANADA'S FINAL POSITION AT THE COPENHAGEN MEETING AND INDICATED MY HOPE THEY WOULD BE CLOSER TO US AT THE SPECIAL MEETING. IT APPEARED AS THOUGH NEEDLER HAD BEEN UNDER SOME CRITICISM AFTER RETURNING TO CANADA FOR THEIR POSITION WHICH AT THE END OF THE MEETING WAS MORE SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE DISTANT-WATER FISHING NATIONS OF ICNAF THAN THAT THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES. HE INDICATED HE WAS SENDING A CABLE TO WASHINGTON INCORPORATING THE FOLLOWING POINTS AFTER MY DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM:

(1) THE US WILL PROBABLY ATTEND A SPECIAL MEETING IF ONE IS SET IN CANADA.

(2) THE US IS PREPARING ANOTHER PAPER WHICH WOULD BE SENT TO ICNAF MEMBERS WHICH WILL CALL ON MEMBERS TO
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SHARPLY REDUCE FISH CATCH IN SUBAREA 5 AND

STATISTICAL AREA 6.

(3) THE US MAY WELL GIVE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CONVENTION IF POSITIVE ACTION IS NOT TAKEN AT THE MEETING.

(4) WHETHER OR NOT THE US WILL PARTICIPATE MAY DEPEND ON THE RESPONSES FROM THE SECOND US PAPER.

(5) HE WILL RECOMMEND TO HIS GOVERNMENT THAT CANADA URGE ALL MEMBERS TO BE POSITIVE AND FORTHCOMING AT THIS MEETING PROBABLY AT THE TIME WHEN CANADA INVITES THEM TO THE MEETING, ALTHOUGH I AM NOT CERTAIN OF THE LATTER.

(6) IT WOULD APPEAR THAT CANADA IS PREPARED TO HOST THE SPECIAL MEETING AND THEY WILL BE MORE FAVORABLY DISPOSED US POSITION THAN THEY WERE AT COPENHAGEN MEETING.

(7) DISCUSSION HERE INCOMPLETE ON ICNAF PAPER. WILL TRY TO GET IT OUT NEXT WEEK. BASSIN

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